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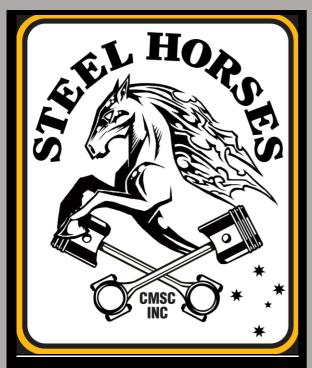
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The **Steel Horses Cruising Motorcycles Social Club Inc** meets every 3rd Tuesday at: Lord Stanley Hotel, East Brisbane, at 7.30 pm.

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#### Club Objectives:

The objectives of the club are to encourage members to regularly meet, ride and join together for social enjoyment.

#### Membership:

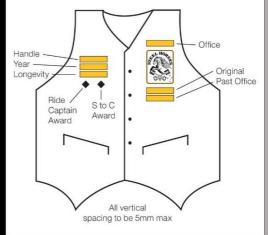
Membership is open to Riders and Pillions of Cruiser and Tourer motorcycles & Social Members.

The annual membership subscription is \$36 for Riders, Pillions and Social Members. There is a once-only joining fee (\$40) on top of the annual membership fee, which covers the cost of Patch, Insignia and other Club costs.

All members must wear a vest and Club Patch.

Members can view the Rules and By-Laws at our monthly meetings.

#### STEEL HORSES PATCH PLACEMENT





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JAK'S FACTS

## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hopefully all the rain falling lately is going to the farmers who need it and not all just impacting our riding pleasure. It has been a pretty lousy riding month with a couple of the Sunday rides cancelled but hopefully finer weather is on the way.

At the October meeting we discussed what we would be doing for Christmas. It was unanimously accepted that we would do the same as last year and have a Sunday BBQ at White Cedar Park at Mount Glorious on Sunday the 2nd December. While Steiny had mentioned he would organise these things in the future we thought it would be best to let him recuperate a little more before putting this sort of load on him. Yogi volunteered to bring the club trailer and BBQ down and I said I would shop for the BBQ and drop the things down to Yogi and Princess on the Saturday. Pyro will look into arranging a ride on Sunday to end up at the park for lunch. Details of the ride will be posted on the webpage. Hopefully we will get a good turnout at the BBQ again this year. I will send out an email closer to the time to get numbers for catering.

Anyone going on the Tuesday mountain ride for the next couple of months please note that the BP is being renovated. We can still meet there to start the ride at 10 but no fuel will be available. So **please still come to The Gap BP with enough fuel for the ride.** 

Cheers Jak wheels turnin' 'round and 'round ...you go back, Jak, and do it again



# Trip to USA 20 June to 2 July 2018



wheels turnin' 'round and 'round ...you go back, Jak, and do it again

<u>Trip Leader:</u> Jak

<u>Riders:</u> Mac Drastic Hippy Colin

Ride report by Hippy **Day 1** - I left Brisbane for the long and painful flight to Los Angeles, followed by confusion and panic trying to find the connecting flight departure point. I got there just in time to board for Las Vegas. More confusion getting out of the airport. Queuing at the Luxor to book in... Finally got to the bar to



find Jak, Mac and Drastic already knocking back the amber liquid. We were joined a while later by Colin. Dinner at the hotel buffet, then an early night..

**Day 2** – Wandered around the casino complex looking for breakfast, we came across the New York Streets. We got meat sandwiches so big, we couldn't finish them. A little sightseeing, lunch, then off to pick up the bikes! The adventure really begins.



**Day 3** – An early start, we hit the road north headed to Zion national park in Utah. We picked up three annual passes to cover the five bikes, this was the cheapest way as we would visit several national parks

on this trip. The road through Zion twists its way up and through some unbelievable rock formations with big drop offs, tall multi coloured cliffs and a couple of very dark tunnels. Yes, I was wearing sun glasses. A quick stop at a roadside rest stop where we were served by a young Amish lady. Ice cream for some and back on the road a little cooler than before. Today hit a record high in Nevada of 115 degrees; that's 46.1 Celsius for us.



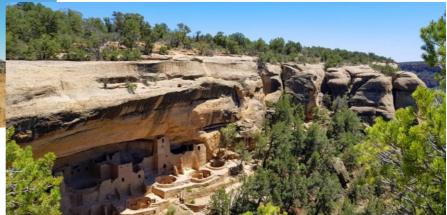
We stopped off at the Powell dam in Arizona for a quick look before heading into Page. A long ride day, arrived at the hotel hot and tired. There was a mix up with the booking and it looked like two of our number would have to share, but after some negotiations another room was found. A soak in the pool for some, then off for dinner at the pub and live music at the ten-pin bowls club. Three states already today.



**Day 4** – Leaving Page, we head out of town on highway 98, turn onto highway 160 and have our first stop at Kayent, Arizona at a Chevron servo. There were lots of bikes, trikes and trailers on the road here. Carrying on, we turn off at Teec Nos Pos heading toward Cortez. A short roadside stop and photos here. Then on to Mesa Verde National Park, where



We had a little drama here when Drastic's phone fell out of his pocket and exploded all over the road. We stopped to find the bits, but Jak carried on. By the time he realised we had stopped, he we had lunch before heading up to the lookout over the Indian Village.



was too far ahead on a one-way road. We found and reassembled the phone, and it worked! Not even a crack! Samsung is



Good. Finding Jak took a lot longer. Finally, back together as a group we made our way into Durango.

After cooling down with a cold shower, we caught the tram into town for dinner. We found the Diamond Belle Saloon on the main street of town. Great meal and the piano player was awesome, if a little loud. After dinner, a little wander around town and a drink or two before heading back to the hotel.

**Day 5**- We left Durango heading for Grand Junction, north on highway 550 through San Juan National Forest. Another awesome road that winds up through the mountains and pine / fir tree forests. The outlook is fantastic, when you get a



chance to look, as the road is all sweeping bends with big drops and cliffs with the risk of deer. In fact, one did walk across in front of us. We stopped in Silverton for coffee and fuel and a chat with a grizzled Harley rider who warned us about bears... A visit to the Silverton Harley dealership (no bikes here, just T-shirts) then back on the road. The "Million Dollar Highway" to be exact. We have T-shirts to prove it.





This road is probably THE highlight of the trip, as it winds its way through the mountains to Ouray. We stopped off in Delta for lunch and found Orval's Used car lot. Some restoration required...

Then on to Grand Junction and up to Independence Monument National Park before heading to our hotel for the night, Days Inn. Across the road for dinner to Applebee's Bar and grill. Some drinking at the local bar next door may have been undertaken by some...





**Day 6** – Leaving town on highway 70, our first stop today is a small town called Rifle. We found our way to a café for coffee, served by lovely young ladies who were armed. With automatic pistols... They take the name of this town seriously. Don't stiff them for the tip...



On to Aspen for lunch, famous ski resort town. Very pretty town with a lot of art galleries and fancy restaurants. We managed to find a place a little more down to earth for lunch.





From here we travelled onto Independence Pass, at 12098 ft (that's 3686.5 meters) above sea level this is the highest point on our trip. There was still snow on the ground here and some of the group found breathing a little hard up here. Well worth the short walk though, the scenery is awesome. We also

INDEPENDENCE PASS

got a preview of the road ahead, switch backing down the other side of the pass beside



the river and leading down to twin lakes, where we also stopped for more photos..



From here we continued on to Salida, to stay at the Woodland Motel. A brisk walk into town for dinner at the Boathouse Cantina, a great spot right on the edge of the Arkansas river. We watched people float past as we quenched our thirst. There were margaritas involved..



**Day 7** – We left Salida heading down highway 50 following the Arkansas river. Another beautiful set of lazy curves with a fantastic view of the river and the multitudes who take advantage of the tourist attraction white water rafting. In fact, the road was so good that Drastic got carried away and when we stopped at the turn off to highway 69 he was nowhere in sight. We waited on the side of

the road for quite a while, but he didn't seem to miss us. There was no phone reception, so we decided we better chase after him. We travelled quite a way further down highway 50 without coming across him, so we stopped at a servo and tried the phone again. Success! Details given, nothing for it but to get a feed and wait for him. We could have carried on, but the turn-off offered better roads, so we went back the way we came and onto highway 69 towards Raton. Some of this highway was brand new seal and great, the rest was old concrete with a lot of patching with Tar snakes. The heat off the concrete was



unbelievable, so stopping at KFC in Farista for a while was a great relief. Then the last leg to Raton, Microtel Inn and a cold shower to cool down.

**Day 8** – Today we head down Interstate 25 to Santa Fe. We were quite surprised to find ourselves passing through Las Vegas... New Mexico. Who knew there are two of them? We got to Santa Fe rather early and couldn't check in so we left the bikes in the car park and went wandering around town. There are lots of native Indian artworks here and many market stalls selling trinkets to tourists. Ironic

really. Anyway, a drink or two, back to check in and clean up, then back to the town centre for some live music in the park

before dinner. Dinner required a fair bit of wandering around looking for more live music. More wandering around after dinner looking for live music too. We did come across a 7ft tall bouncer, who suggested the cover charge was voluntary. We all volunteered, but the music was rubbish and we left soon after.

**Day 9** – Heading South on I25, we turned off at exit 276 and made our way towards Madrid. As most of you know, this is the site of Maggies Diner from the movie Wild Hogs. As usual, Hollywood is larger than life and the

Diner is a T-shirt shop. Still a great little place to stop. Maggie is a nice old Irish lady, by the way...

From Madrid, we head down highway 14 for San Antonio and a turn off to Sandia Crest. However, we overshot the turn off and ended up on I40. We turn off, and turn back, but get a little lost and go around in circles for a bit before ending up back at the turn off. There were some signs at the start of the road, which we obviously ignore. Two miles up the road to Sandia Crest we run into a highway patrol roadblock and are told the road is closed due to fire risk. Bugger. Sure enough, the signs at the start of the road did say that the road is closed. Heading back toward I40 we



stop off for lunch and to cool down in the air con for a bit, then on to Albuquerque and Grants.

**Day 10** – Leaving the hotel at Grants we travelled along a bit of the old Route 66 highway and stopped for a photo shoot at the Grants Route 66 Tribute. Then on to the I40 through to Gallup New Mexico for breakfast at MacDonald's. While we were here I looked up our route on Google and noticed we were passing a national park called the Petrified Forest. I thought that might be worth a look and it was agreed we would take the small detour.





Whilst travelling along the highway we saw a sign for highway closure at exit 325, which we ignored, not really knowing where that was or if it would affect us. As we got further along the road, we could see plumes of smoke in the distance. Sure enough, before long the traffic ground to a halt just after Chambers. It was close to the middle of the day, hot, no shade or breeze. Luckily, we all had water with us, so we stretched our legs and had a chat while Jak went to ask a truck driver if he knew what was going on. Fortunately for us, we were only stopped for around 15



minutes, then we started crawling past the fire. It turns out that a truck trailer on the other side of the highway had caught fire, and then all the scrub along the edge of the highway caught light as well. It was under control but still

burning when they let us through. Traffic going the other way was banked up for miles.

A few miles further and we turned off to the Petrified Forest. Amazing to think that this blasted desert was once a flourishing forest, with lakes and wild life. All that's left of that now are these huge logs, turned to stone after lying at the bottom of a swamp for years...





We joined Highway 180 and ventured on to Holbrook, then I40 to Winslow, Arizona, where we all stood on that famous corner for a photo. There is a flatbed ford there, an eagle on the window sill, and a couple more different Eagles standing on the corner for you to pose with. All while the Eagles tunes drift out of the local tourist shops. Nothing cooler than that.

We made our way to the La Posada Hotel and booked in. This is a fascinating place, a restored 1920's railway station, still operative, with an eclectic mix of things going on. Museum & art gallery, Restaurant, rooms and a bar that some may have over indulged at. Ask Jak about black hats...



**Day 11** – In spite of having a big night, we were all up and out the door early and on our way to the Grand Canyon. We all guessed it would be another warm day, so packed our jackets and hit the road. We stopped at Williams, the gateway to the Grand Canyon, for breakfast. It was a hundred mile trip and I for one was freezing. Hot coffee helps a lot. It warmed up while we were stopped and we figured it would get hotter so we left the jackets stowed, except Mac. It got a lot hotter by the time we stopped at the Grand Canyon lookout. This is a place that makes you think about how long the

the world has been around. The canyon is so deep and wide, it is just unimaginable how long it would take the river 1,857 meters below to carve out this phenomenal vista. It's not often you can stand on solid ground looking down at eagles flying a kilometre below you. The photos cannot convey the majesty of this place.



It was pretty crowded though and so we hit the road down toward Flagstaff, stopping off at Speedy's truck stop in Cameron to cool down with a drink. From there, the road into Sedona is another great bike route as it winds through pine forests, down into a valley and along the edge of Oak Creek. This is obviously a very popular spot in summer, as the sides of the road were crowded with cars, the creek had people in it wherever you looked and the camp sites seemed full to overflowing. We pulled into the hotel and after cooling down and cleaning up, settled down to a cold one or two on the hotel veranda, looking out over the mountains.

**Day 12** -Leaving Sedona we travel back up the winding valley road to Flagstaff. From here we turned onto I40 (Route 66) and back to Williams for breakfast. Then on to Kingman, where we turn off onto I93 toward Las Vegas. The plan was to stop at Hoover dam, but when we got there the queue was a mile long and crawling, and it was just too damn hot to wait in line. It was decided that we would push on to Las Vegas. It was a relief to get back into the aircon and cool down..



**Day 13** – Time to drop the bikes back at the Harley Dealership. The end of the big adventure and the end of our "No Pickles" ride. (Arlo Guthrie - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvLtNBm1yyA</u>) For reasons unknown, this song was discussed at the very start of our trip. It became the theme, as everywhere we stopped and every meal there were pickles.

We stayed at the Four Queens hotel, right on Fremont street. This is the highlight of Las Vegas for me, with bars on every corner, street performers and four stages with bands playing. The street is covered for about 500 metres and has light shows and zip lines going above our head as you walk the strip. Colin's partner joined us here and we wandered up and down taking in the sights, alcoholic slushies and the music.





Day 14 – My time with the group was up and I made my way to the airport to fly to San Francisco.

I'd just like to thank Jak for all his hard work organising this ride and the hotels etc. It was a fantastic trip and well worth doing. I had a ball.

Cheers

Hippy

# Over-nighter to Rainbow Beach 13th & 14 October 2018





<u>Ride Captain:</u> Pyro & Phoenix

<u>Attendees:</u> Visitors - Steve & Nicole

<u>TEC:</u> Hippy & Roach

Photos by: Roach, Pyro & Phoenix Hi all, Pyro here,

Saturday morning started out as predicted with heavy rains and gusty winds, great for fish and wind surfers, but not good if you want to go for a ride on your bike. Originally we were going to start with a good group size with 18 people on eight bikes and one car. However the weather had other plans and all but a few die hards who just wanted to get away decided to go on the weekend.

Phoenix, myself, Hippy, Roach and former members Nomad and Storm made up a good trio.

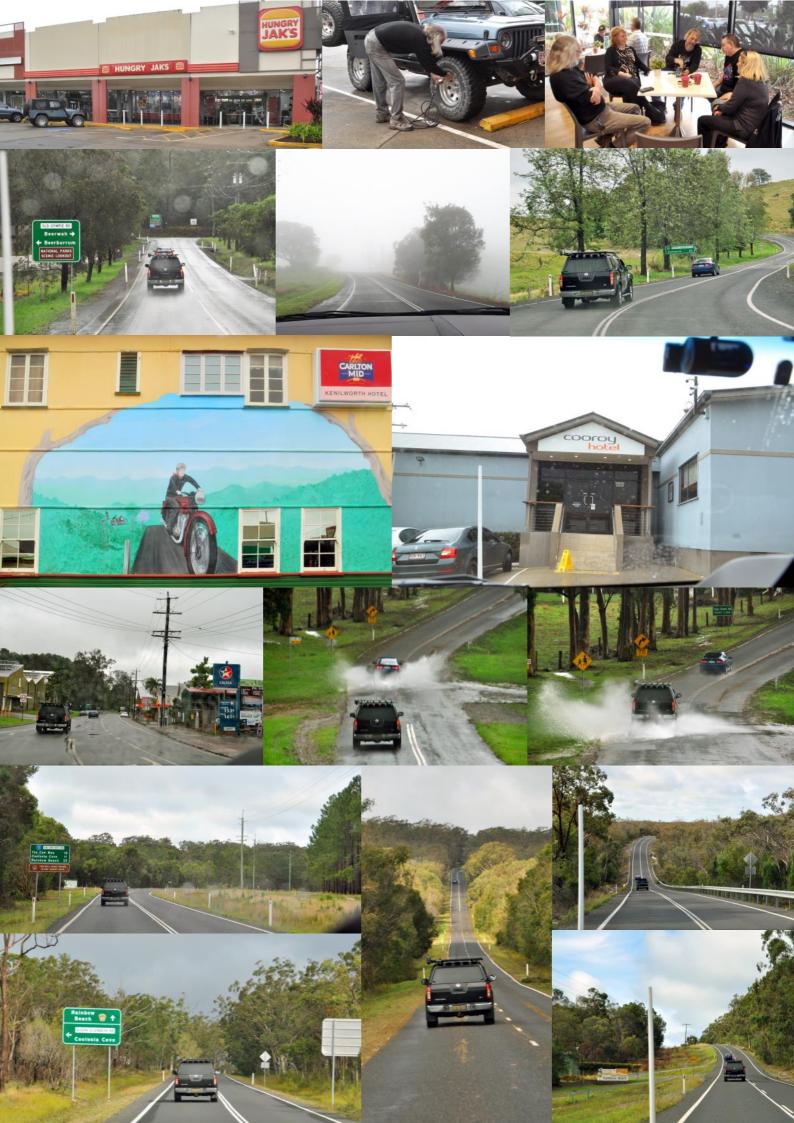
The plan was to leave the north bound twin BP at 9 am but some how Hippy thought we were meeting at Carseldine road house and we did not get away until about 9.35 am. My plan was to go the same way as if we were riding the bikes, Phoenix and I lead in the Honda Accord with Steve and Nicole in their Navara and Hippy and Roach bringing up tail end Charlie in the Jeep Wrangler. It rained on us most of the way and at some stage we could only see 10 meters ahead of us, good thing we were in the cages. We stopped at Kenilworth for a short break and then at Cooroy for lunch. After lunch it was straight through some back roads to Rainbow Beach where we stayed at the Rainbow Sands Resort arriving around 3.30 pm. Dinner and drinks at the Sport Club across the road before getting some sleep at the motel.

Sunday we woke to rain over head but not much on us, after breakfast we headed for Gympie and then down Mary Valley Way. We saw quite a bit of storm damage in Gympie with trees ripped out and sheds and buildings pushed over. We headed the back way to Kenilworth where we stopped again for a short break and drink. From there it was to the south bound twin BP for drinks, a bite to eat and our goodbyes.

Even though it rained on us and at times very hard it was still a fun drive up and down with good friends and a great time was had by all. I will definitely do that run again sometime when the weather is better, as we were driving I kept saying I wish I was on the bike but I really enjoyed the drive, the bike would have been better but it was a great weekend away with close friends and I for one look forward to the next weekend away on the bike or in the car if need be.

Pyro

Lite em up





# SUNDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Hi all,

This week's North Ride unfortunately was called off due to bad weather. It was going to be a good run so we will rerun it at a later date.

Our next North Ride will be Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November and heading to Kenilworth Pub for lunch. If you can make it I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers Mac

CANCELLED EVENT

# Joe's Diner Bike Night 20 October 2018

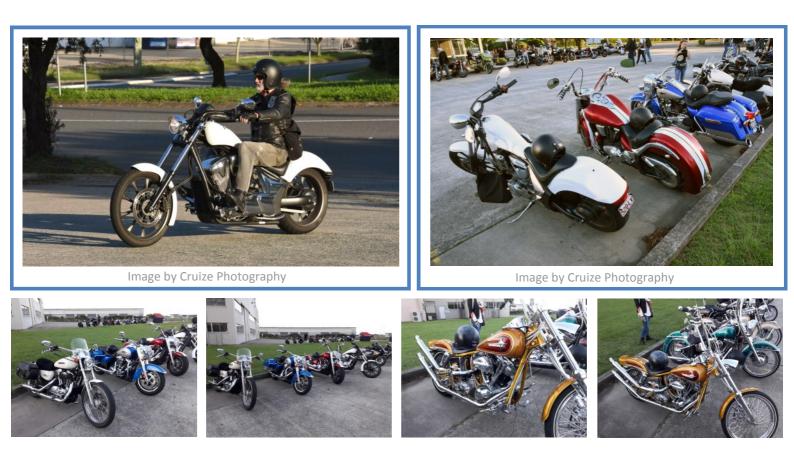
I arrived around 5 o'clock to find Jak, Mac & Boots already chowing down inside Joe's Diner. We were joined a few minutes later by Ace and enjoyed a quick meal and bevvie.

There were already a number of bikes parked when I arrived and there was constant flow of new bikes arriving and leaving over the next couple of hours. A big selection of different styles with cruisers making up the bulk this time. We had a stroll around, took a few photos and discussed the merits of various bikes.

There looked to be between 150-200 bikes, which was a pretty good turn out for their first bike event. This is going to be a regular monthly meet and something I would recommend as there was good food, good parking and easy access from the M1. Looking forward to their next event. Hope to see more club members there.

Cheers

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# South Ride to Springbrook 21 October 2018





<u>Ride</u> Captain: Pyro

**Riders**:

Hippy Ace Scouse

<u>TEC:</u> Mac

Photos by Ace & Hippy Hi all, Pyro here,

Sunday was a nice and sunny day for a good South ride. Yogi and Princess met us for breakfast but weren't able to go on the ride. We had a small group with Scouse showing up as we were getting on our bikes. We had a nice calm leisurely ride around Jacob's Well for a little over an hour ending up at The Burnside Pub. After a short chat and a drink we got back on our bikes and back down the freeway and then off at Pimpama and then the back way to the eastside of Mt Tambourine and then onto Numinbah Valley to Pine Creek Rd up to Springbrook. We stopped at Springbrook for lunch and checked the weather and found that there was a lot of dark cloud coming our way. So it was back on our bikes and everyone ran for home before the storm hit. We all made it home before the rain hit and in Ace's case he got home just minutes before hail hit. Mac had the furthest to travel but believe he made it before the rain hit as well.

Another great ride with good friends.

Pyro

Lite em up





# West Ride Mystery Ride 28 October 2018



<u>Ride Captain:</u> Sam <u>Riders:</u> Jak Mac Pyro Hippy

<u>TEC:</u> Ace

Photos by: Sam, Mac & Hippy

Today's west ride started as normal at Goodna with Jac, Mac, Pyro, Ace, Hippy and myself setting off with Rathy Pub in our sights for lunch. We headed out the Cunningham Hwy and turning towards Peak Crossing, from there we headed out along the Kalbar Rd, then zig zaging through Roadvale and back onto the Boonah Rd. Our first stop was at Dugandan Hotel. After a good break we detoured out through Mount Alford on our way to Rathdowney for our lunch break.

Today's ride was listed as a mystery ride and so it became, after missing a turn on the way to Kerry, we had a scenic ride for a few k's before I realized. U turn. We found our way to Beaudesert where we said our goodbyes and made our way home.

Thanks for the company guys, another great day.

Cheers SAM







# North Ride to Kenilworth Pub 4 November 2018



<u>Ride Captain:</u> Mac

<u>Members:</u> Worker Winnie Hippy Disco Chantoozy Princess Ace Jak Scouse

<u>TEC:</u> Yogi

Photos by: Princess , Hippy & Mac North ride to Kenilworth for lunch today. The weather smiled on us and we got a little taste of the summer heat we are about to enter into for another 8 months.

We had a great attendance day as follows:

Ride Cap...Mac, Members.....Worker, Winnie, Hippy, Disco, Chantoozy, Princess, Ace, Jak, Scouse. TEC.......Yogi.

We started with some nice twisties up and over Clear Mountain then on to Daybora via a small road works detour through the hills. All bitumen so life is good again. First stop at the beckoning coffee van atop Mt Mee where we had civilised grown up conversation with subject content best left on the mountain!! Ace also handed on a SH card to a possible visitor for a future ride so that's good. We were also witness to a slight bike clash in the cramped carpark when a Indian Scout tipped onto her partners victory as they came in. Winnie was in there like a ferret after a rabbit and assisted with the save!!! Nice work Winnie....my only regret is that Roach wasn't there to get that action on film but at least there was a heap of us fellas all standing around there watching the chicks save the bikes, so we have that part documented well and truly. We work well as a club ;)

As we gathered to go to our Kenilworth destination, Winnie and Worker headed for home via Kilcoy and around Somerset. (Things to do and places to be...I think Winnie wanted to go see a chiropractor after taking the full weight of an Indian Scout) Sadly, Chantoozy was running a temp at this point after just getting over a few weeks with bad arse flue thingy. Disco and Chantoozy headed for home as well. I trust all went well and you are now fighting fit and two hair colour changes into it as you read this Chantoozy :) We missed you two on the second half of our ride.

Onto Kenilworth.....The dickhead of the year was actually driving through Woodford today closely followed by our SH team packed tight in a 60 zone. He indicated to turn right into a little turn off area. He then propped the car on the left side of the main highway out right in front of us to check his GPS or something in the passenger side. !!!! Our entire pack sounded horns repeatedly and he attempted to get off the road. Amazing if you saw the stupidity of this manoeuvre in real time. Stay vigilant out there friends!!

We arrived in Kenilworth and had a hot lunch at the top hotel. Bit ordinary with the heat as there is no AC in this old pub. Ceiling fans only. Onward and upward, we left for the twin BPs in one stretch and for the most part, was an on point ride with no slow laners to upset the rhythm of the ride. My personal favourite one way hill climb, The OBI OBI RANGE (deserves capitals) was once again on our return agenda. It did not disappoint today. There are distinct advantages of being ride captain, more of which I will be talking about at our next meeting as I attempt to populate a ride leader calendar.

We all got split up when we surfaced out on the main highway and rekindled our ride a little further down the freeway meeting at the Twin BPs.. More stimulating conversation about life and all things important were adequately covered before we all split the scene Thanks to all the cool cats who attended and assisted in the overall enjoyment that we shared today. Until next time groovers........Mac







# South Ride to Tyalgum 11 November 2018





<u>Ride Captain:</u> Pyro <u>Riders:</u> Ace Mac Scouse Jak Hippy Visitor Pete Drastic & pillion SuziQ Visitor Trouble

<u>TEC:</u> Phoenix

Photos by: SuziQ, Pyro & Hippy Hi all, Pyro here,

Sunday's south ride had a good turn out and the weather was great.

We left on time with Scouse arriving with 5 minutes to spare. We had two visitors with Pete on a Triumph and Trouble on her Harley. We road out through some back roads to Tamborine and then up the mountain and down the other side. Unfortunately we got stuck behind a slow car going down Henry Robert Drive and Trouble had issues with her rear brakes overheating and they failed at the base of the hill. We waited for them to cool down and then met up with the others at the Advancetown Pub. We all enjoyed a cold drink and waited for 11am to pay our respects with a moment's silence.

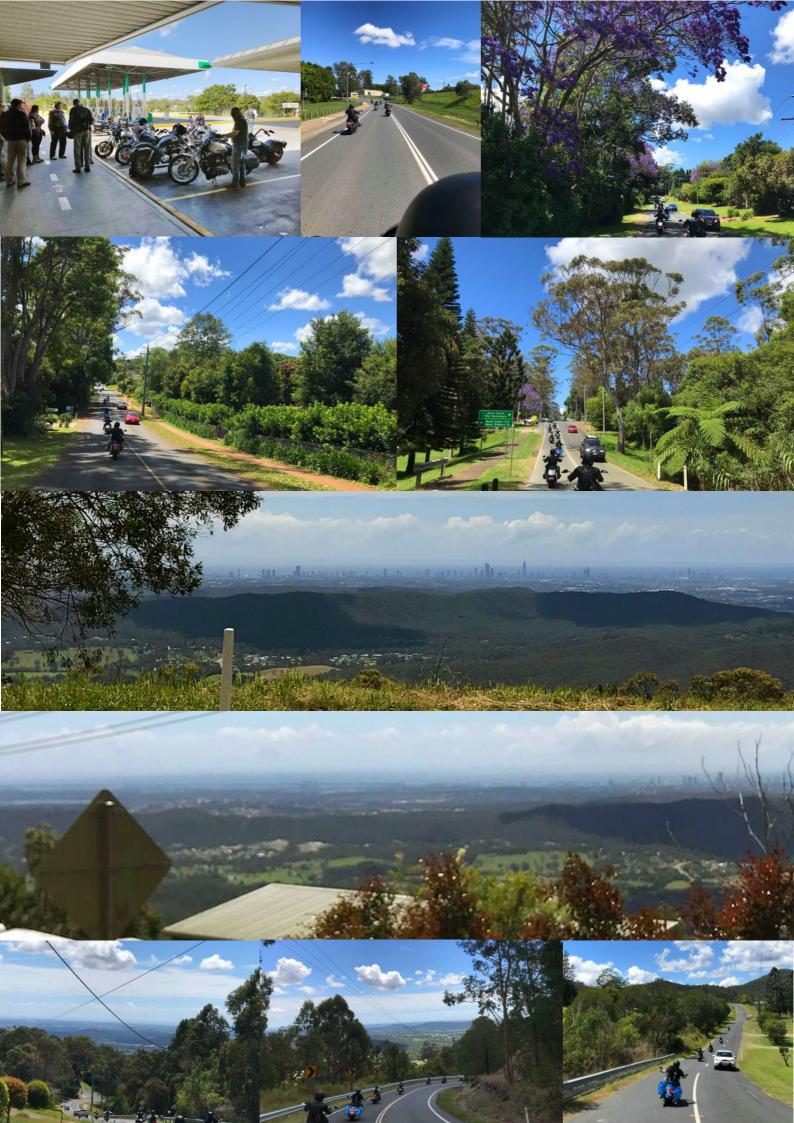
After which Phoenix, Scouse, Drastic and Suzy Q all left for home with the rest of us going down to Tyalgum for lunch.

After lunch we headed up to Murwillumbah and then over Tomewin and then up the freeway to the BP at Coomera for fuel, drinks and ice-creams. I hope all had a good day and look forward to the next ride.

Pyro

Lite em up







# You're invited to 65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday BBQ

Please contact

**Princess for** 

PM

November

Sunday

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address

Meat will be provided. Please BYO booze. Please bring a salad or dessert.

> Please RSVP by 1 Nov 18 Princess 0412 738 700



Pyro will be leading a North ride from the North meeting point, the Caltex at Castledine for those who would like to go on a run before the Christmas Party.

Departure time will be at the usual time of 9am with the ride route to be confirmed shortly. Please see the 'ride calendar' on the Steel Horses website for the confirmed route. http://www.steelhorses.com.au/ride\_calendar.html#1812. Arrival time for this run will be around mid-day.

Alternatively, you can ride/drive direct to the venue to join our Christmas party which starts at mid-day.

The Steel Horses Christmas Party is being held at **White Cedar Park** on **Northbrook Parkway**, on the west side of **Mount Glorious**, just before the D'Aguilar State Forest. It's approx. 16km down the far side of Mount Glorious from Hughe's Mount Glorious Café (which most of us know well)

Go here to see a Google map for directions: http://tinyurl.com/white-cedar-park

**White Cedar Park** has toilet amenities, big shelters, etc. As well, we'll be erecting our big Steel Horses club marquee and we'll be using our own club BBQ systems.

This is a club event, so everything will be provided at no cost to Steel Horses members

## Keep this Sunday Free. Don't miss our Christmas Party!





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Day

Happy









You are invited to : Hippy & Roach's Australia Day BBQ

Saturday 26 January 2018 Please contact Roach or Hippy for address details

2pm onwards

Food and soft drinks supplied B.Y.O Booze & Appitite

PLEASE confirm your interest in attending with the number of people in your group by 15 Jan 19 for catering purposes

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# Shoddy pothole repairs claim another rider

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Shoddy pothole repairs in northern NSW seem to be endemic and have claimed at least one more motorcycle rider.

Gold Coast rider Mike Wright says he crashed his 2018 Kawasaki Z650 on unsigned road works with a lot of surplus gravel on the Clarence Way 10km south of Woodenbong last month.

It follows similar crashes in the Kyogle, Byron, Wooing and Tomewin areas.



Loose gravel on Lions Rd that caused a crash

.Mike says he was riding with three mates when they came across the roadworks.

"We came the other way the weekend before, so we knew there was patchy road works with loose stones so we backed off," he says.

"We were doing about 60/70 kays but it was like skating on ice.

"My mates ahead of me thought they were gone. They just drifted out.

"However, I was right on the edge of the road and it was soft and the front end just dug in, buried its nose and flipped me off."



Clarence Way crash site

# Injury and damage

Mike suffered a broken hip and still walks with a cane a month later.

"I was lucky that's all the injury I suffered," he says.

His Z650 has a bent gear lever and handlebars plus substantial scratching.



Mike's Z650 before the crash

I'm just getting a mate to fix it," he says. "It's insured, but you pay the first \$400 so I won't bother."

Mike is considering legal action against council.

"It pisses me off," he says. "Even if they had signs there it might not have made much difference.

"That amount of shit shouldn't be there. All they have to do is sweep it."

# Pothole repairs warning

NSW Motorcycle Council president Steve Pearce has previously warned about the pothole repair program being carried out throughout NSW, and possibly other states.

The pothole repair program involves a new process that leaves ball-bearing-sized gravel on the surface.



Steve says councils have a duty of care to all road users in their pothole repair.

"Leaving loose material on the road is a hazard to motorcyclists which is totally unacceptable," he says.

"I am calling for all councils to ensure their road repair contractors understand the risk caused by this practice and act quickly before someone is fatally injured.

Loose stones

"Also a call out for riders to watch out for repairs and exercise caution where repairs have been done. And of course let MCC know where these hazards are located so we can act."

A NSW Roads and Maritime Services spokeswoman confirms the new repair program is being used by rural and regional councils.



One of the pothole repairs with loose gravel

These repairs involve applying heated bitumen to potholes with aggregate laid across the surface to prevent bitumen from adhering to the tyres of vehicles.

"This aggregate may initially appear loose across the road surface but will either form part of the roadway or be swept to the roadside by the movement of traffic within 24 to 48 hours after the repair is completed."



# **QLD EDGE FILTERING AMENDED**

#### <u>12 Sep , 2018,</u>

From: **Nigel G Ellis** Date: Wed., 12 Sep. 2018, 3:57 pm Subject: RE: Motorcycle edge filtering rules To: MRAQ President

Hi MRAQ,

Thank you for your email, your assistance in getting this information out to riders in appreciated. The revised wording for the edge filtering rules are as follows:

#### 151BEdge filtering past slow or stationary vehicles on a motorbike

(1)The rider of a motorbike is *edge filtering* along a length of road if the motorbike enters the edge of the road while the rider is passing 1 or more vehicles on the road.

(2)The rider of a motorbike must not unlawfully edge filter along a length of road.

Maximum penalty-20 penalty units.

(3)For subsection (2), if 1 or more of the following circumstances apply while a rider is edge filtering along a length of road, the rider is taken to have unlawfully edge filtered along the length of road—

(a)the rider does not hold an O type licence for the class of the motorbike;

(b)the speed limit for the length of road, other than indicated by a variable illuminated message sign, is less than 90km/h;

#### Example for paragraph (b)-

The speed limit for a length of road is 100km/h. A variable illuminated message sign indicates a speed limit of 80km/h for the length of road. In the circumstances, it is lawful for the rider to edge filter along the length of road.

(c)the rider rides at a speed of more than 30km/h;

(d)the length of road is in a tunnel;

(e)there are roadworks on the length of road;

(f) the rider rides on any unsealed part of the road;

(g) it is not safe to edge filter.

(4)In this section—

edge, of a length of road—

(a)means the part of the road that is-

(i)to the left of the left edge line on the road; or

(ii)to the right of the right edge line on the road; and

(b)includes an emergency stopping lane along the road.

The amended rules came into effect on 7 September 2018. The Road Rules Regulation has not been consolidated / updated on the Queensland Legislation Database quite as yet, but you will find evidence of the new amending regulation being passed by accessing:<u>https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/browse/asmade#/sl/year/2018</u> Then click on the entry titled: <u>Transport Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2018</u>.

I trust this is of assistance. If you require further information about the changes, please contact Sona Trivedi-Ginn, Acting Principal Policy Advisor (Licensing) Transport Regulation Branch by email at <u>dlrr@tmr.qld.gov.au</u> or by telephone on (07) 3066 2505.

Kind regards,

#### Nigel Ellis

Executive Director (Transport Access & Use) | Transport Regulation Branch **Customer Services** | Safety and Regulation Division | Department of Transport and Main Roads



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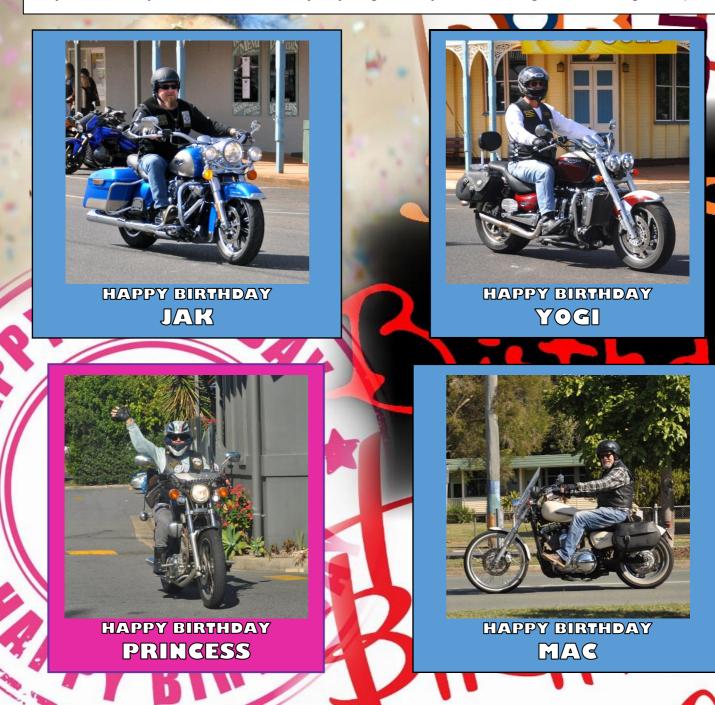
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# JAK, YOGI, PRINCESS & MAC are having their birthday in November! !!! Happy Birthday !!!

**Personality traits of Scorpio's** (Oct 23 to Nov 22): Scorpios appreciate being listened to and love when others ask them for their opinion. They are incredibly socially aware and possess an emotional intelligence above average although at times they are so stubborn that this can be easily overlooked. They dislike mediocrity and hate nothing more than having to work with people who lack seriousness. They love being in the spotlight but they are also very secretive with many aspects in their lives. They can be determined and hypnotic. Scorpio people are usually full of curiosity and those born this day make no exception. They want to know what is going on everywhere. Many of their surprising actions show how fearless they can be when they have the right motivation. Those born under this sign are also a jovial company when in good temper.

OK ... You're a year older, and older than you've ever been before. But you're a year younger than you'll be next year at this time, and in fact younger than you'll ever be again! So it's all good! :-)



#### Go to *http://www.steelhorses.com.au* for the latest updates to the Ride Calendar.

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# Ride Calendar NOVEMBER 2018

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Sun		North	Ride Captain: <u>Mac</u> (0439 444 655) Caltex Carseldine Roadhouss - Mount Mee - <u>Woodford</u> for bum break. On to <u>Bellthorpe Range Road</u> - <u>Maleny</u> - <u>Kenilworth Pub</u> for lunch. Home via <u>Bald Knob - Landsborough</u> - call the ride at the Twin BPs.
Tues	6	Mt Glorious	Ride the <u>twisty road</u> to the magnificent <u>Mount Glorious</u> ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click <u>HERE</u> for complete details.
Sun	11	South	Ride Captain: <u>Proc</u> (0413 905 141) <u>BP Serve at Yatala to Jacobs Well</u> on to <u>Advancetown Pub</u> (break) - then on to <u>Tyalgum</u> for lunch. We'll be riding home via <u>Murwillumbah</u> and <u>Tomewin</u> Approx 235km.
Tues	13	Mt Glorious	Ride the <u>twisty road</u> to the magnificent <u>Mount Glorious</u> ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click <u>HERE</u> for complete details.
Sun	18	West	Ride Captain: <u>Sam (0419 174 201)</u> <u>McDonalds Goodna - Forest Hill - Esk - Kilcoy</u> (lunch) - <u>Somerset - Fernvale - Blacksoil</u> - Home.
Tues	20	Mt Glorious	Ride the <u>twisty road</u> to the magnificent <u>Mount Glorious</u> ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click <u>HERE</u> for complete details.
Tues	20	CLUB MEETING	Lord Stanley Hotel. 994 Stanley Street East, East Brisbane. The meeting proper starts at 7.30pm; but come earlier for dinner!
Sun	25	North	Ride Captain: <u>Pyro</u> (0413 905 141) <u>Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</u> -We'll go over to <u>Clear Mountain</u> and <u>Dayboro</u> then on to <u>Mt Nebo</u> We'll take the highway to <u>Capalaba</u> The ride will be approximately 175km back to Capalaba. We'll be having a BBQ lunch at approximately 1pm at Yogi & Princess's home to celebrate Princess's birthday. Invitation to the BBQ is open to all club members. Please contact Princess for address details. If you intend to attend the BBQ please RSVP to Princess by 1 Nov 18 for catering purposes.
Tues	27	Mt Glorious	Ride the <u>twisty road</u> to the magnificent <u>Mount Glorions</u> ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click <u>HERE</u> for complete details.

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DECEMBER 2018				
Sun	2	CHRISTMAS PARTY!	THE STEEL HORSES CHRISTMAS PARTY!	
		Pas	OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS GOING TO BE ON REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER!! HAIL, RAIN OR SHINE, IT'S ON!! WE'RE GOING TO COMMANDEER A VERY LARGE PERGOLA THAT'S AT THE PARK, SO THE WEATHER WILL NOT WORRY US AT ALL.	
		FSC	Christmas Party: The ride will begin at the North meeting point <u>Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse</u> (departing at the usual time - 9:00am) - <u>Narangba</u> - <u>Wamuran</u> - <u>Mount Mee lookout</u> (bum rest) - <u>Dayboro</u> - <u>Mount Glorious</u> - and then to <u>White Cedar Park</u> . Total distance about 165km, arriving at <u>White Cedar</u> <u>Park</u> around 12:00 Noon for the Steel Horses Christmas Party.	
			Alternatively, you can ride/drive direct to the location of our Christmas party. It starts at midday	
		7 5	The Steel Horses Christmas Party is being held at White Cedar Park on Northbrook Parkway, on the west side of Mount Giorious, just before the D'aguilar State Forest, It's exactly 15.6 km down the far side of Mount Giorious from Hugh's <u>Mount Giorious Cofe</u> (which most of us know well).	
			White Cedar Park has toilet amenities, big shelters, etc. As well, we'll be erecting our <u>big Steel Horses club marquee</u> , and we'll be using our own club BBQ systems.	
(		D.	Click <u>HERE</u> for a map to White Cedar Park. Click <u>HERE</u> for some photos of the park. Click <u>HERE</u> to see a photo of the amenities block. Click <u>HERE</u> to see a photo of the very large pergola that we'll be commandeering for the day! Click <u>HERE</u> to see a photo of a BCC noticeboard at the park about the area.	
			This is a club event, so everything will be provided at no cost to Steel Horses members.	
			Keep this Sunday free! Don't miss our Christmas Party!	
Tues	4	Mt Glorious	Ride the <u>twisty road</u> to the magnificent <u>Mount Glorious</u> ! Enjoy an early lunch & coffee when we reach the top. Depart at 10:00 AM sharp. Click <u>HERE</u> for complete details.	
Sun	9	West	MYSTERY RIDE <i>Ride Captain: Sam (0419 174 201)</i> Today's Mystery ride will leave from <u>McDonalds Goodna</u> - Join ride leader Sam for today's fun filled Mystery Ride	
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Sun	16	North	Ride Captain: Mac (0439 444 655)   Caltex Carseldine Roadhouse - through to Woodford (first bum break) - Blackbutt Pub (lunch) - Blackbutt to Yarraman then onto Hampton (bum break) - down the range to Esk and onto the T-Intersection, where I will call the ride.   For those who want to go home via Mount Glorious, follow me, or home via Fernyale and the highway.   Total ride klms from Castledine to T-Intersection = 327 klms.   Ride time = 4 hrs + bum breaks and lunch. (Plan for a longish day.)   Route map is HERE.	
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